

Professor Scott's Doings.

GAZETTE reporter strayed into the Fort Street School Wednesday and found Professor Scott with some forty pupils critically reviewing a number of specimens of impromptu compositions on "Last Week's Events," written by the class on a previous day. The papers exhibited considerable skill in handling together the steamship arrivals and the circumstances connected with them, which were about the only events of note during that period of time. The pupils, particularly those who have had the advantages of Fort Street School training for any length of time, gave evidence of close attention and careful discipline in the art of expressing ideas in respectable English. This is a branch of education of which Professor Scott makes a specialty and the manifest results are highly satisfactory. Correctness of expression was the characteristic of most of the compositions. Errors are rectified with a rare tact calculated not to wound the sensibilities of the writer and at the same time to convey useful instruction for future use.

Another set of ten correspondence compositions, written as if in answer to inquiries by an intending tourist about the climate, accommodation and means of internal and external communication in the Hawaiian Islands, was submitted for inspection. These exercises were performed in the class room, a limited time being given for them. The form and style of most of these letters are as nearly perfect as need be; but the others, though showing a considerable originality of thought, are defective in the essentials of spelling and grammar. The writers of these last, however, are but recent accessions to the school, and judging from the performances of the veterans, it is safe to predict that the literary effusions of the later recruits, twelve months hence, will be in a different style and written on an improved plan, at least as regards orthography and diction. The writers of the ten letters referred to, and the percentage valuation marks of their productions are: Antonio Cunha, 100; Wm. A. Love, 100; Edward Lequint, 85; Bella Wright, 85; Katie Lishman, 85; Janet Hale, 85; Juanita Hassinger, 80; Willie Wilder, 50; Ella Dayton, 50; David Tarum, 40.

A lot of papers in arithmetic were also shown to the visitor. The exhibits were distinguished by neatness, correctness and clearness in the enunciation of processes of solution. Class lessons were heard in geography and physiology, the first of which, though discussing theories highly interesting to philosophers of how rivers run into the sea and accumulate force and volume as they reach the goal, the majority of the class evidently had not deemed of sufficient consequence to make an object of intimate acquaintance, but rather left it severely alone, an exploit for which they received some left-hand compliments from the Professor. The lesson in physiology, however, fared much better, the class exhibiting commendable interest in the structure and functions of the cerebellum and the ganglia of the nervous system, answering their questions on these subjects very fully and correctly, some of them supplementing their answers with critical enquiries that gave evidence of sober thought and an intelligent desire to pursue the subject further.

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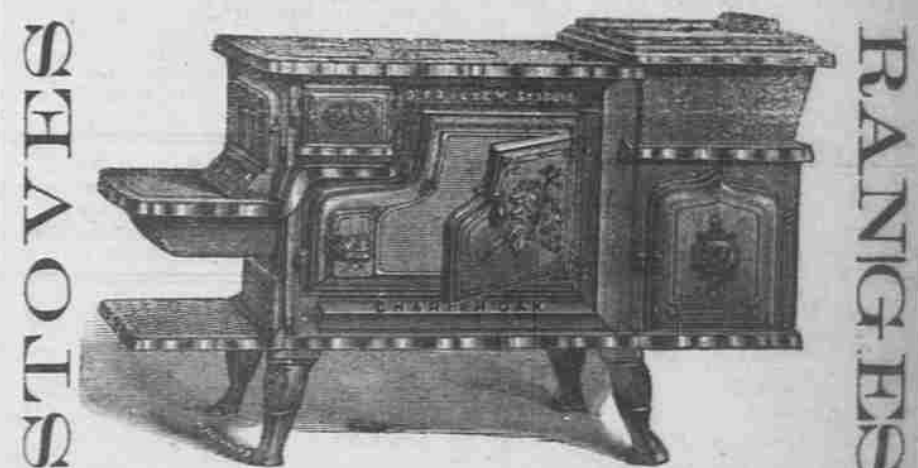
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